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## Mathayom Private Chefs Named Best Entree & Dessert at Rotary Flavors Fundraiser

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Mat Vacharat of Mathayom Private Chefs and St. John Catering — named best entree and best dessert of the evening — was the big winner at Flavors on Friday night, October 28, at the Westin Resort and Villas.

St. John Catering was one of about 15 local restaurants and caterers who came together in the Westin ballrooms for the annual Rotary Club of St. John fundraiser. The event supports the group's scholarship fund, which helps local teens cover college tuition costs, and brings the island's best chefs and mixologists together under one roof to go head-to-head vying for title of best dishes and drinks.

Starfish Gourmet and Wines won best appetizers for their selection of fine cheeses and cured meats while St. John Catering's Surf and Turf Roulade — braised short ribs tucked inside a roll of lobster atop a



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Chef Mat Vacharat, center, and his staff are all smiles after winning the night's best entree and best dessert categories during the annual Rotary Club's Flavors fundraising event.

parsnip puree — took the entree round, hands down.

St. John Catering also won honors for their chocolate, banana and passionfruit tart while the bartenders at High Tide walked away with best drink for their island concoction which packed a punch.

St. John Brewer's Tap Room crew, who served up Cuban sandwiches and potato leek soup along with their tasty suds, took home best bar food of the night.

The night drew a crowd which included Lieutenant Governor Greg Francis and his wife Cheryl who enjoyed tasty fare from

Ted's Supper Club, Spy Glass, Island Livin, Castaways, Lime Inn and more and sipped wines from Bellows International and West Indies Ltd. Guests even kept the ballroom crowded after dinner, dancing the night away to the band Ish. See next week's edition for a full story and more photos.

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## Candlelight Vigil and Community Search Request for Missing Girl Set for November 8

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Celia Kalousek of the St. John Community Foundation is spearheading a candle light vigil and community search request for Seara Samantha James on Tuesday, November 8, at 6 p.m. at the Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

James, 21, was reported missing by her family on Thursday, October 13. James is 5-foot, 5-inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. She has brown eyes, black hair and a medium build. She has a tribal tattoo on her right arm, "Pascal" on her back and a rose on her left leg. She was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, black pants and carrying a black handbag.

James was at Castaway's Bar on Tuesday, October 11. She left the bar shortly after 5 p.m., and was



Seara Samantha James is 5' 5" and weighs 120 pounds.

seen by Mongoose Junction, Nature's Nook and by Power Boyd.

"If one member of our community is in trouble or missing, it matters," said Kalousek. "This is too small of a community for us

not to care and actively do something about it."

Organizers of the vigil will hand out purple ribbon cards with photos of James along with a description of the missing girl and a request for residents to do a one-mile search where they live or work.

"Seara's family and friends will offer personal requests and we'll recognize the fact that any one of us could become a victim," said Kalousek.

Anyone with any information about Seara Samantha James, any information regarding where she has been recently, or knows anything that will assist police with this case are asked to immediately call Leander Jurgen Command officers at 693-8880, Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-TIPS or 911.

## Don't Walk Away and Leave Car Running

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The V.I. Police Department reminds the public that it is illegal to leave a vehicle with the engine on while the driver is away from the vehicle.

The practice of some people to leave their car running while they go into a store "for just a minute" is both unlawful and unsafe. Several vehicles on all three islands have been stolen because owners have stepped away from their car while leaving it running.

If police encounter a vehicle with the engine running and the owner not in close proximity, that owner will get a citation. This practice is for safety.

Several Virgin Island residents have reported their car being stolen at gas stations and convenience

stores, after they have parked, left the keys in the car and went into the store for a few minutes. This type of car theft is a crime of opportunity. Sometimes criminals loiter around gas stations and convenience store waiting for the opportunity to steal a car.

Females are sometimes targeted in these scenarios. When a female leaves her car running and walks away from it, it is very likely that her purse is still in the vehicle. If that car is then stolen the thief has the identification, address and house keys.

Remember, a criminal can get into a car and drive off within a matter of seconds. Don't give them the opportunity. Turn off the engine, take the keys and lock the doors, every time!

### GHS Hosting Culturalypso on Nov. 1

Giff Hill School is hosting a Culturalypso, a carnival for the St. John community on Tuesday, November 1, at the GHS Upper Campus. This is a free event in celebration of D. Hamilton Jackson Day! The entire community is invited to enjoy games, experiments, face painting, story telling, races, a bouncy house and food for purchase. All ages are welcome!

### Senator Barshinger Hosting Noise Ordinance Meeting November 3 on STJ

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger will host a noise ordinance town meeting on Thursday night, November 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new St. John Legislature building.

This will be the third meeting in a series of meetings which Barshinger has conducted to address residents' concerns with the current noise laws.

Barshinger invites both individuals and the business community to attend this meeting to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the current noise law, Act # 6930, in balancing the interest of these individuals.

Invitees include V.I. Police Department Commissioner Raymond Hyndman, VIPD St. John Deputy Chief Darren Foy, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs Commissioner Wayne Biggs, St. John Administrator Leona Smith and members of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce.

For more information contact Barshinger's office on St. John at 693-8061.

### Junior Tennis Tourney November 4-6

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a VI Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament at the Cruz Bay tennis courts November 4 to 6.

The event will honor and say thanks to Vic Ebbesen for his dedication and commitment to the teaching of tennis on St. John. The tournament is for girls and boys ages 10 and under to 18 and under.

The entry fee is \$15 and all entries should be received by October 31. Check with VITA for the limited availability of travel funding. For more information contact Patrice Harley at 776-6643.

### "Save Second Base" Fundraiser Nov. 5

Woody's Seafood Saloon is hosting the second annual "Save Second Base" Block Party on Saturday, November 5, from 7 to 11 p.m.

All proceeds raised at the event will go to the second Annual St. John American Cancer Society Relay for Life which is set for February 11 and 12, 2012, at Winston Wells ball field.

The Save Second Base Block party is the official kick-off fund raising event for the St. John Relay for Life. Representatives from the various relay committees will be on hand to sign up teams and answer any questions about the event.

### Kayak-a-Thon Set for November 6

The St. Thomas/St. John Pathfinders will be participating in its 5th annual Kayak-A-Thon on Sunday, November 6.

This adventure on the seas will involve Pathfinders kayaking from St. Thomas to St. John and back. Join in and support the young people as they participate in the adventure.

The group will be leaving Sapphire Beach at 8:30 a.m. and paddling to St. John. Cheer them on, catch the boat, watch them from the deck and be there on St. John to greet them and give them a push off back to St. Thomas.

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St. John Administrator Leona Smith, above, volunteered at the Project Homeless Connect along with Sky Gomez of VI Catholic Charities. More volunteers, at left, made sure all clients were signed in and helped through the day of caring.

## First Ever St. John Project Homeless Connect Brings Out Love in Love City

By Jaime Elliott  
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Organizers of the first ever St. John Project Homeless Connect were thrilled when about 75 volunteers showed up at the Nazareth Lutheran Church to help escort clients, serve food, cut hair and more on Friday morning, October 21.

"We knew we would have some volunteers show up the morning of the event, but we did not expect to see so many people," said St. John Community Foundation's Celia Kalousek, who helped organize the program.

"This is a fabulous collective effort," said Kim Moholland, chairperson for the Day of Caring Committee for the local chapter of the United Way. "St. John really rallied around this event. We had a lot of volunteers and the enthusiasm was just over the top."

Project Homeless Connect is designed to be a one-day, one-stop program to provide services from showers to haircuts for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Similar events have been hosted on St. Thomas and St. Croix over the past five years, but last week's Project Homeless Connect was the first of its kind on Love City and St. John lived up to its nickname.

"It's great being a part of this event," said Suki Buchalter, who was giving out free massages dur-

ing the Project Homeless Connect. "I wanted to give back to the community and I'm having such a great time. The energy is just amazing here."

"There is so much love here, it's really Love City today in Cruz Bay," said Buchalter.

Project Homeless Connect was hosted by the Department of Human Services, Innovative and the United Way with much of the St. John effort organized by Kalousek.

The local event followed guidelines from a national program which was originally launched in San Francisco in 2004. Today Project Homeless Connect events are hosted across the country. The event focuses on connecting homeless persons with essential services in a non-threatening environment; and offering services, support and quality of life resources in a dignified manner.

United Way has spearheaded the program for the past five years on St. Thomas and St. Croix and decided to launch a Project Homeless Connect on St. John after being contacted by Innovative.

"We have been doing Project Homeless Connect for the past five years in collaboration with Department of Human Services on St. Thomas and St. Croix," said Cherise Creque-Quain, executive director of United Way Virgin Is-

lands. "This year in conversations with Innovative, who is one of our large corporate donors, they wanted to do a special day with their employees. We talked about how doing a Project Homeless Connect on St. John would be something to fit into their special day."

And it was indeed a special day. A trailer with washrooms and restrooms was set up along the waterfront in Cruz Bay and the U.S. Custom's parking lot was transformed into a one-stop public service outreach area. Officials from many non-profit organizations and government agencies handed out information about their services to the St. John homeless population.

About 50 residents took advantage of the opportunity to get some clean clothes, take a shower, luxuriate with a massage and a hair cut and enjoy some seriously tasty food, thanks to a number of island restaurants and caterers.

Dubbed the "Peace and Love Cafe," a corner of the Lutheran Church yard was converted into an intimate bistro setting. Towering orchids perched on white linen covered tables welcomed Project Homeless Connect clients to enjoy both breakfast and lunch thanks to the many donations and volunteers drummed up by Bonny Corbeil, who oversaw the sustenance part of the event.

"I sent out an email with a call

to action and so many people responded right away, it was amazing," said Corbeil. "Joy and Andy Stillman donated the orchids and our restaurant owners were so generous and really stepped up to the plate even though this is a tough time of year."

"We ended up with three times the volunteers we were expecting and everyone just really showed how much they care about their community," she said.

Coral Bay artist George Hollander was one of those residents who jumped on board to volunteer as soon as he received Corbeil's email.

"Life is a razor's edge," said Hollander. "You can find yourself on the other side very easily."

Even government officials got in to the spirit of the event. St. John Administrator Leona Smith came out to volunteer for the Project Homeless Connect.

"I'm here because I care about our community," said Smith.

Volunteer Alecia Wells was surprised at how many clients came through the event.

"We knew we had over 40 homeless residents from our recent census, but those are numbers and you don't really see the problem," said Wells. "Through this you really got a sense of the issue on St. John and now these people know that we care."

From the escorts who helped guide clients from one service to the next, to the food servers, many of the volunteers at the St. John Project Homeless Connect were sporting huge smiles all day long.

"This is a great day," said Sharon Lees, who volunteered for the event. "You can really feel the love."

"It's a beautiful day with beautiful people," said volunteer Angela Coleman. "It's a great community event."

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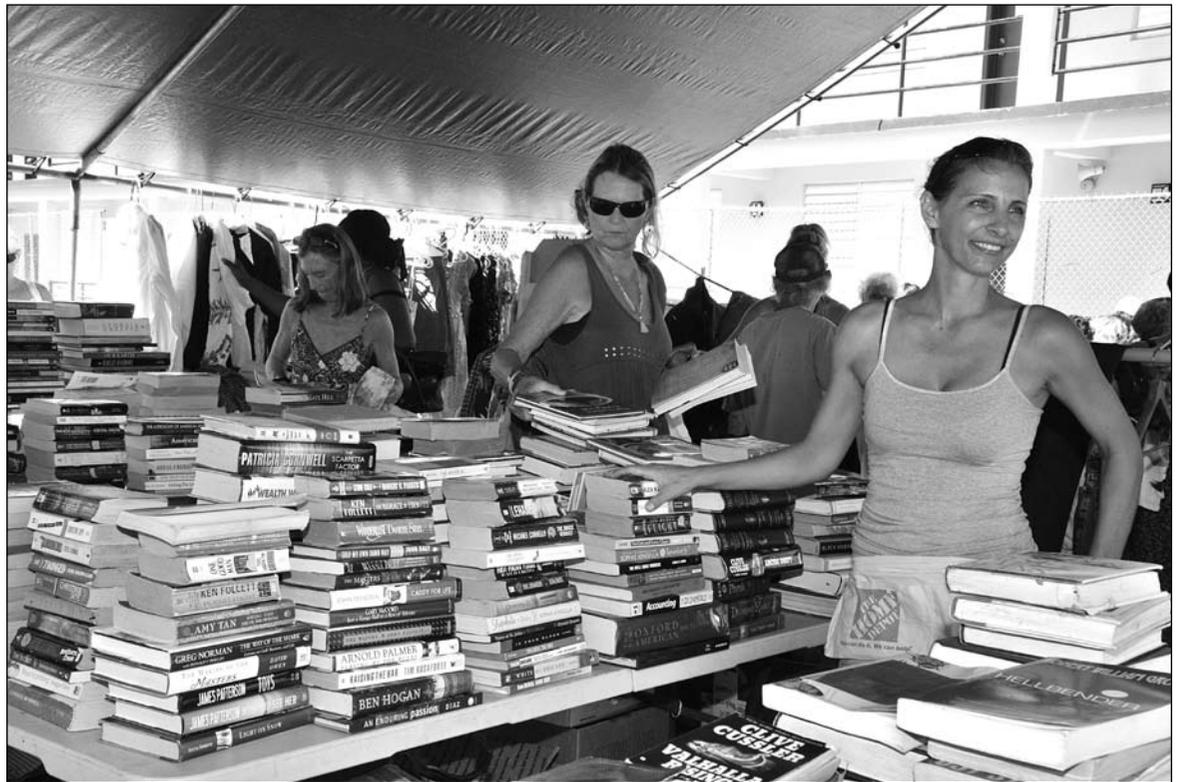
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## No Fleas, Please Flea Market Nets Almost \$8,000 for St. John Animal Care Center

By Jaime Elliott  
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Clear skies, a steady breeze, tasty BBQ food and adorable puppies for adoption added up to one perfect day for the St. John Animal Care Center's No Fleas, Please Flea Market fundraiser on Saturday, October 22, at the Winston Wells ball field.

Headed for the first time this year by ACC board member Jason Corley, the event was deemed the best one yet, and the biggest money maker. Flea market fund raisers in previous years netted the St. John ACC — which receives scant government funding — about \$4,000 to help cover the cost of its spay and neuter program and shelter operations.

This year's No Fleas market raked in almost \$8,000 for the non-profit animal welfare group.

"It was a fantastic day," said Corley. "It would not have been so great had all of the volunteers not been so helpful. I was hoping we would raise somewhere between \$6,000 and \$8,000, so we're very happy with what we did."

The market ran so smoothly thanks to the 40 volunteers who showed up on the day of the event and the help of Storage on Site, Corley added.

"The huge help was Storage on Site which gave us an extra container to use and made sure that everything was out in the field on time," he said.

While this year's market didn't attract a lot of big ticket items like couches and deck furniture, almost 30 vendors rented space in the field, selling everything from plants to dresses. Another big attraction was the children's table, which was brimming with toys thanks to ACC board member Dr. Elaine Camp-



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Flea market organizer Jason Corley, left, and volunteers taking a break from heat.

bell who brought a cache of children's games to the island in her luggage.

Jennifer Triosi's popular food attraction Top Dog was back again this year, serving up Sloppy Joes

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# Hugo and Josephine Roller Requesting Expanded Commercial Space and Eventual Campground on Coral Bay Garden Center Acreage

By Jaime Elliott  
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The road to transforming about 13 undeveloped R-2 zoned acres of land into the Coral Bay Organic Garden Center has been a long and bumpy one for farmers Hugo Roller and his wife Josephine.

Roller has been dealing with government zoning hurdles since he conceived of the idea to carve out an organic garden in the Coral Bay area back in the 1980s.

Through the intervening years, he has had to withstand a bevy of government scrutiny in order to get a .89-acre portion of his 13-acre organic farm rezoned correctly in order to allow for a farm stand and prove his tax status, among many other red tape-induced headaches which surely would have driven a less determined farmer from his land. During every step of the process, Roller has remained steadfastly on the right side of all government regulations.

Faced with a lagging economy and limited room for commercial development, Roller is now trying to navigate that windy government

zoning path once again.

This time around Roller is requesting that a 2.5-acre parcel of his 13.88-acre farm be rezoned from Agriculture-2 to Business-3. The move would expand Roller's current B-3-designated acreage to allow for additional commercial use, he explained.

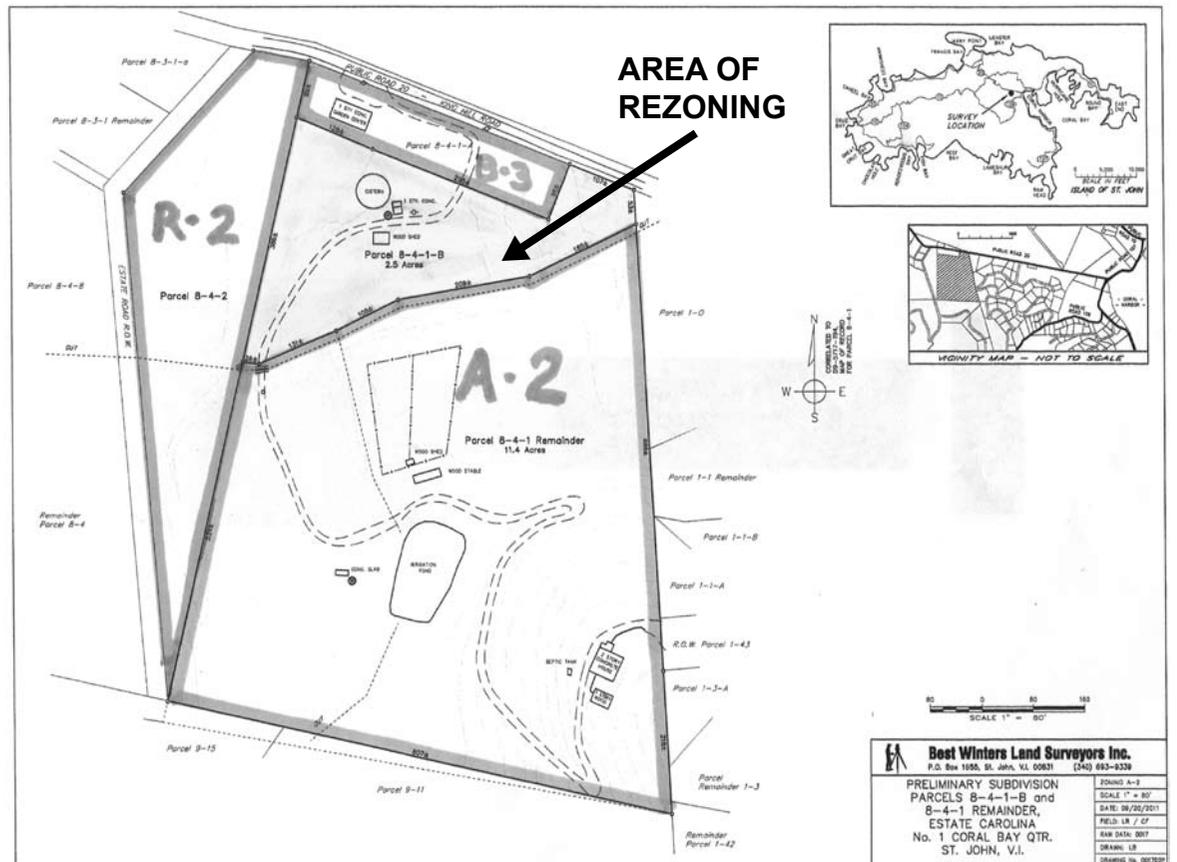
"The extra space would allow us to lease out land to a tenant to develop commercial use on the property," said Roller.

Not interested in running another commercial operation themselves — the Rollers also run a successful landscaping business to help subsidize the farm — the farmers envision an established business person operating a commercial venture on the land.

"It could be a small restaurant or a day spa or something," Roller conjectured. "We don't have an interest in running more businesses, but we need more income to keep the farm afloat."

The expanded business zoning acreage of Roller's land fits in with his overall plan of creating a rural

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The Rollers are requesting to change a portion of their A-2 zoned property to B-3 in order to expand their commercial opportunities.

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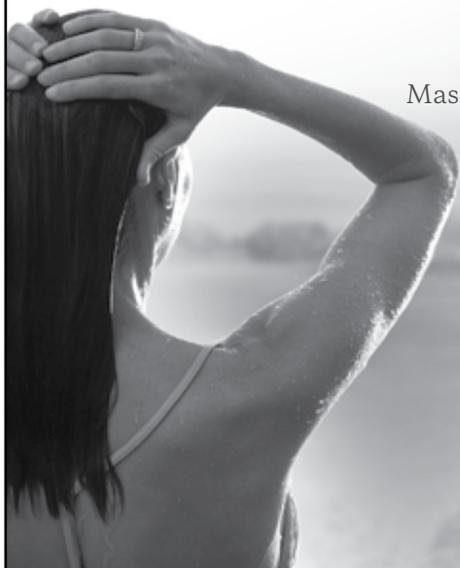
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## CORE Continues Lionfish Eradication Effort

By Jaime Elliott  
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A live lionfish was on display at CORE's recent meeting.

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Photo by Jaime Elliott

With the invasive lionfish still a serious threat to local fish populations and coral reef health, the Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education Foundation continues its patrol of St. John waters.

Just last month CORE volunteers removed at least 50 lionfish from waters around St. John, explained CORE coordinator Karl Pytlik.

"Just this past month, we've seen a significant increase in lionfish," said Pytlik. "We've removed more lionfish in the last month than we've seen the whole time we've been doing this. Two of our volunteers have removed about 100 lionfish over the past year or so and at least 50 of them were removed last month alone."

Pytlik hosted a meeting on Wednesday night, October 26, at Iguana Grill to bring together all parties interested in joining the ongoing fight against lionfish.

"We're trying to form a stronger network so we invited dive shop owners and operators, fishermen, charter boat captains, our volunteers and V.I. National Park rangers to come together and talk about the effort," said Pytlik.

The lionfish meeting drew about 30 people from VINP enforcement rangers to recreational scuba divers all interested in removing as many lionfish as possible from local waters.

"There was a good representation of people who were there and I brought my live lionfish along so that drew a lot of interest as well," said Pytlik.

Native to the Pacific and Indian Oceans, lionfish were introduced to the Atlantic Ocean in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, when someone likely dumped their fish tank

into the sea.

A voracious feeder with no natural predators, lionfish have spread throughout the Atlantic Ocean and even into the Caribbean Sea, wiping out native fish populations — intrinsic to coral reef health — along the way.

CORE was formed two years ago as a way to tackle the lionfish threat in a unified effort across the Virgin Islands. CORE hosts trainings for volunteers, leads removal scuba trips and sends specimens off for study to learn more about the fish and how to combat its continual spread.

This season, VINP officials will be issuing additional permits for CORE volunteers to use pole spears in park waters in order to remove lionfish, explained Pytlik.

"What we do is train our volunteers and issue them plastic cards with their pictures so the VINP knows them," he said. "When they go out to find lionfish, they notify park officials and are allowed to use the pole spear with the VINP permit."

CORE continues to urge swimmers who spot a lionfish to release a marker and call the hotline at 340-201-2342 or email Pytlik at nolionfishstj@yahoo.com to report the sighting. Markers, made of washers and tape, are available for free from local dive shops and the Friends of VINP Store in Mongoose Junction.

Anyone who wants to join the fight, CORE continues to host trainings and always needs volunteers, explained Pytlik.

The group's next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16, at 6 p.m. at a venue still to be determined. For more information about CORE check out the group's website at [www.nolionfish.com](http://www.nolionfish.com).

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# VIEO's Quinones Tells Chamber Chapter Details of WISE Program Grants for Small Businesses

By Jaime Elliott  
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St. John business owners heard about the V.I. Energy Office's latest incentive program at a meeting of the St. John Chapter of the St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening, October 25, at the Cruz Bay Battery.

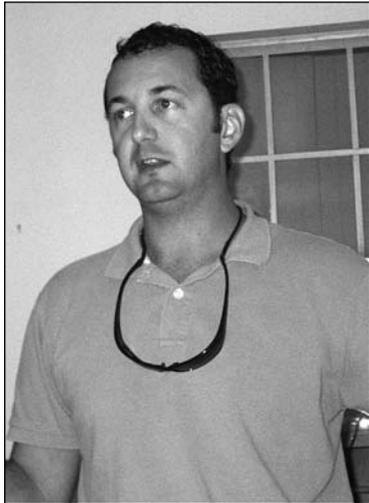
VIEO program specialist Miguel Quinones shared details of the new Worthwhile Investments Save Energy (WISE) program with about 10 chamber chapter members at last week's meeting. The WISE program offers grants covering up to 40 percent of the cost for businesses implementing energy efficiency improvements, explained Quinones.

"We're trying to provide financial, technical and implementation incentives for local businesses to reduce energy consumption," said Quinones. "Local businesses in many instances are restrained by their energy expenditures which can cost up to 60 percent of the business costs."

"It's really hard to make a profit if 60 percent of your revenue is going to pay energy costs," he said. "Many businesses are on the verge of closing because their energy bills are too high. We're looking at impacting that as much as possible by reducing energy consumption."

Any business which is located in a commercial building — either owners of the building or long-term lease holders — which uses less than 30,000 kWh per month is eligible for the WISE program. Interested customers must first complete an application form and submit documentation, including gas and electric bills and business licenses. If the customer is approved, VIEO will send a representative of Quality Electric Supply — the sole contractor for the program — to conduct an energy assessment.

The assessment will look at areas the business can reduce its energy consumption like replacing windows or air conditioners,



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VIEO program specialist  
Miguel Quinones

upgrading light fixtures and installing water saving devices, explained Quinones.

"You must get at least 15 percent savings in electricity, but you can get more," he said. "The grant is limited to 40 percent of the cost of improvements and is capped at \$80,000."

Once the assessment is complete, the customer has 30 days to decide whether to move forward with the energy saving projects. If the customer decides to implement the energy saving projects, Quality Electric Supply will install the improvements.

"We are restricted to using one contractor, Quality Electric Supply, to ensure the quality of the products and the installation of those products," said Quinones.

Once the projects are complete, VIEO officials will monitor the business to determine its energy savings and the customer will receive 40 percent of the cost of the improvements.

"Basically the program will allow businesses to do energy conservation projects at a 40 percent discount," said Quinones.

VIEO is also working with local banks and the Small Business Development Agency to help secure loans for small businesses which

do not have the capital to invest in energy saving projects, even with the 40 percent discount.

"If you are in a desperate position to save energy in order to make the business more profitable there are loans available for that," he said.

The grant program, which is available on a first come, first served basis, will run through 2013 and VIEO already has about \$140,000 in projects currently under consideration, Quinones explained.

"We are working on a second round of financing to be in place within a few weeks," he said.

The WISE program falls in line with the inter-agency goal of reducing the territory's dependence on fossil fuels by 60 percent by 2025, Quinones added.

"We are working with WAPA to try to get to that significant goal in a number of ways," he said. "We're looking at utility scale solar power and wind power, capping the landfill and using the gas to run turbines, connecting with Puerto Rico, changing street lights to LED and more. These are just some of the things we are working on."

"This all adds up to 60 percent by 2025, but we don't want to wait until then to make changes," said Quinones.

The VIEO official urged residents to implement energy efficient projects along with exploring renewable energy options.

"The approach we are suggesting for businesses, residents and government agencies is that energy efficient investments are cheaper than renewable energy," said Quinones. "We don't discourage people using renewable energy, but it's important to do both. First you lower your WAPA bill with energy efficient projects and then you implement renewable energy."

For more information about WISE or VIEO's other programs and incentives, check out [www.vienenergy.org](http://www.vienenergy.org) or call Quinones at 714-8436, ext. 4305.

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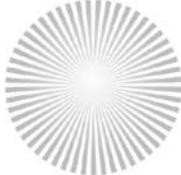
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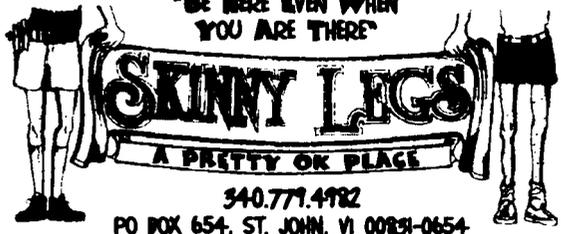


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## Even Less Parking at Cinnamon Bay This Season



St. John Tradewinds News Photos by Jaime Elliott



New signs erected in the Cinnamon Bay Campground parking lot restrict about 15 parking space for registered campground guests. With parking routinely a problem at the popular beach and campground, parking woes are only expected to worsen.

## St. John Resident BJ Harris Named Virgin Islands 2012 Realtor of Year

By Jaime Elliott  
 St. John Tradewinds

St. John Properties owner B.J. Harris was honored with the 2012 Realtor of the Year award in a ceremony aboard the glass bottomed vessel *Discovery* on Saturday, October 22, during the Virgin Islands Association of Realtors annual meeting.

Harris became only the second realtor in the territory to be honored with the award twice. She was first recognized with the Realtor of the Year award in 1997.

"It was such an honor," Harris said about the award. "It really is just a huge honor. The best part is that at the National Association of Realtors meeting in November I get to walk across the stage waving a Virgin Islands flag with a Miss America-type sash saying 'Virgin Islands Realtor of the Year.'"

The honor is not handed out lightly and part of the consideration in naming Realtor of Year is a person's community involvement, explained Harris.

"The award is a state designa-

tion for the national association," she said. "You have to provide or have shown leadership on the local, the state and the national level. You also have to be a community activist."

As the St. John Animal Care Center president for the third time, treasurer of the Rotary Club of St. John, immediate past president of the St. John Board of Realtors for the third time and president of the V.I. Board of Realtors four times, Harris certainly passes the community activism test.

Governor John deJongh was the guest speaker at the VI Association of Realtors annual meeting, which was hosted on board *Discovery* as the vessel cruised off shore of St. John.

"The governor's address was very well received," said Harris. "He spoke about realtors being entrepreneurs and how the market is coming up again and how we all we all are pulling together to make that happen."

The governor also shared some comic relief during his remarks when *Discovery* cruised past

Carvel Rock, Harris explained. "We were going past Carvel Rock so close if you had a boat hook you could have reached out and touched it," she said. "I was sitting next to the governor and I saw a bunch of people looking out the window. I turned and looked and Carvel Rock was just right there."

"I tugged on the governor's sleeve and he looked out the window and back at the group and, 'you're not going to leave me here, are you,'" said Harris.

Not only did the realtors not leave the governor stranded on Carvel Rock, the group accepted deJongh's gratitude for its recent \$50,000 donation to the V.I. Housing Finance Authority, which is already being put to good use, explained Harris.

"The governor thanked us and congratulated us on the \$50,000 we gave to VIHFA," said Harris. "And the best part of that is that we've got our first two recipients of the VIHFA loans who are both St. John residents buying houses at Calabash Boom."

# Charity Golf Tournament Raises More Than \$6,000

Fundraising for second annual St. John Relay for Life begins with golf tournament

By Jaime Elliott  
St. John Tradewinds

What started as a few friends trying to come up with a fun event during the off-season quickly turned into a major fundraiser for the second annual American Cancer Society St. John Relay for Life.

The Caddy Shack style Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 19, at Mahogany Run Golf Course drew 59 golfers and netted more than \$6,300 for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, set for February 11 and 12.

Vic Brocato, Tim Hanley and Steve Yerger were tossing around the idea of putting together a golf outing similar to one hosted a several years ago.

"The bottom line is we did a golf tournament a few years ago and we all felt like doing something like that again," Brocato said.

With cancer having touched the lives of these friends, however, the idea for a fun round of golf quickly turned into a way to raise some serious money for the second annual Relay for Life, explained Hanley.

"For me, my older brother passed away from a brain tumor, so the cause is something dear to me," Hanley said. "Relay for Life was really the obvious cause for us



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Jaime Elliott

Tournament organizers Steve Yerger, Tim Hanley, and Vic Brocato, hand St. John Relay for Life committee chairperson Mary Bartolucci, center, funds raised at the event.

to support."

With both of Brocato's parents having also lost their battles with cancer, the three friends decided to get serious about the fundraiser. They enlisted the help of Meagan Enright, set a date for the event and were off and running.

"Vic called me up and said it's going to be on October 19," said

Yerger. "Then he made up some flyers and put my name and phone number on them, so we went with it."

And went with it, they did. Calling their group "Some People on St. John," the foursome devised a Caddy Shack style tournament with six "goofy" holes requiring golfers to do things like take a

Happy Gillmore-style swing and tee off blindfolded.

They also secured hole sponsorships, exciting raffle and tournament prizes and had 15 teams signed up by tournament day.

"It was amazing how people really stepped up to the plate," said Brocato.

When the last club was swung,



the fundraising totaled more than \$6,300, which will go to covering the cost of the Survivor's Dinner at the second annual St. John Relay for Life in February, explained Yerger.

"This year we're going to have an around the world birthday party celebration," said Yerger, who is the chairperson of the Survivor's Dinner for the St. John Relay for Life organizing committee. "We'll be celebrating the cultural diversity of St. John and the whole thing is about celebrating more birthdays."

"It's going to be really festive and fun," said Mary Bartolucci, chairperson of the St. John Relay for Life organizing committee.

Anyone who missed out on the fun should be sure to mark those calendars for next October. Some People on St. John have promised a second annual charity golf tournament is in the works already.

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**“To have so many long term employees shows the longevity and commitment from both the employees and the company.”**

— Nedra Ephraim, Starfish Market manager

## Starfish Market Recognizes Employees for Long-term Service with Company

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Starfish Market recently celebrated special service anniversaries for employees Doris Bridgewater and Nedra Ephraim.

Bridgewater has been employed with Starfish Market for 16 years and Ephraim for 15 years. Bridgewater joined the Starfish team as a deli clerk in 1995 when the supermarket first opened at the Boulon Center.

Over the years she has continued to share her kitchen skills and was promoted to Deli/Bakery/Cooked Foods Manager in 2003, a position she holds today.

Ephraim started working at Starfish Market in 1996 as a part-time cashier after she graduated from Ivanna Eudora Kean High School. Continuing as a valued employee while attending college, Ephraim served as a key worker in many different departments including assistant manager. Ephraim was named Store Manager in 2006.

“We congratulate Doris and Nedra on their dedication and service to Starfish Market and to its thousands of customers over the years,” said Starfish owner David Mugar. “Our business is in fine hands and we appreciate your continued efforts. To all of our long-term employees, we thank you for your service.”

Starfish Market thrives on the experience and dedication of employees who have been part of the company for many years.

A majority of employees have been part of the Starfish family for more than 10 years, including: Cyril Allen; Curtis Conner; Glenwood “Curtis” Cornelius; Albert Daniel; Leroy Davis; Mario Hodge; Leslie Lambertis; Leroy Leon; Laura Lewis; Isareth Liburd; Denise Parker-Wattley; George Pierre; Rory Reid; Keisha Rogers; Merrilyn Rogers; Francis Scott;



*St. John Tradewinds News Photo*

**Starfish Market Deli Manager Doris Bridgewater and Store Manager Nedra Ephraim.**

Oswin Sewer; Kevin Smith; Rupert Walters; James Warner; and Donna Webster. Many others have been employees for five or more years.

“To have so many long term employees shows the longevity and commitment from both the employees and the company,” said Ephraim. “As an employer, Starfish offers sustainable jobs, and the employees provide needed services. Both keep our community thriving.”

We know the community will join in congratulating the entire Starfish staff on their continued efforts to make the supermarket an excellent place to work and shop.

Starfish Market & Starfish Gourmet & Wines are located on the first level of The Marketplace in Cruz Bay, open daily until 9 p.m. For more information, contact Ephraim at 779-4949.

## **SJFS Is Screening “Beatboxing — The Fifth Element of Hip Hop” Nov. 1**

The St. John Film Society will be screening “Beatboxing — The Fifth Element of Hip Hop,” on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John School of the Arts.

The night will also be the kick-off for SJFS’ “On Screen/In Person” series with a lively 55-minute documentary directed by Klaus Schneyder and produced by Angela Viscido, which celebrates the incredible art form of making music using only the human body.

The evening is sure to arouse the Beatboxer in all, and especially in Virgin Islands musicians looking to perfect their personal style of the “Human Beatbox.”

The film documents the history and evolution of this incredible art form starting with its genesis within Hip Hop culture and its use in various musical fields in countries across the world.

The group’s post film discussion will be led by producer Angela Viscido, who will provide personal insight into the documentary filming, the people in it and the future of Beatboxing as a legitimate, sustainable musical format.

For more information about St. John Film Society visit: [www.stjohnfilm.com](http://www.stjohnfilm.com).

## **STT/STJ Agricultural Fair Nov. 5-6**

The 28th Annual St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair will be on November 5 and 6, at the grounds of Reichhold Center For the Arts. Admission is \$3 for ages 12 years and older and \$1 for those 11 and under with fair booklets at \$3. For more information call 774-5182 or 693-1080.

## **WMA E-Waste Drive November 8 and 9**

The V.I. Waste Management Authority is hosting two E-waste drives on St. John in November. Bring those old computers, electronics, laptops and more to the Winston Wells ball field on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call WMA at 777-3073.

## **Prayer Breakfast on November 12**

The Bethany Moravian Church Women’s Fellowship is hosting a prayer breakfast on Saturday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bethany Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$12 and the public is invited to come and listen to the Dynamic and Powerful Woman of God Sister Barbara Mc Donald of Jamaica. Call 642-7296 or 626-6279 for more information.

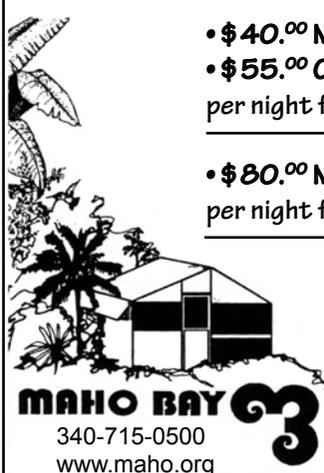
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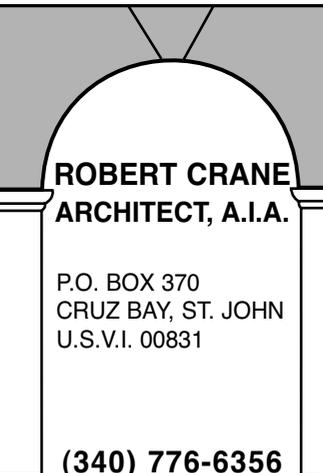
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## Senator-at-Large Reports

By Senator Craig Barshinger

### Noise Ordinance Town Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, Nov.3

St. John Tradewinds

Noise in our community has been a big issue recently. My office will host Town Meetings on all three islands. For St. John the meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, at the new St. John Legislature building.

I have invited community leaders and the Police Department to participate on the panel. Most importantly, you are invited to come learn what exactly are the noise ordinances in the Virgin Islands and make suggestions on improvements to them. The aim of the meetings is to adjust the noise ordinances so that people are satisfied with them and the police can enforce them.

If you want to read the current noise ordinance, go to [www.visenate.org](http://www.visenate.org) and click on the words "see current law". Or visit our office and Catherine Stephen will assist you. Our phone number is 693-8061, but you might want to come in person as we have been having trouble with the phones.

One of the problems that the police face is that the most recent noise ordinance, passed during the 27th Legislature, is too subjective on some points. What is enjoyable noise to one person may be considered a noise disturbance by another.

Part of the solution will be to have decibel meters, which measure sound intensity. Meters were mandated and funded by the 27th Legislature at a cost of \$100,000. Sadly, the VIPD cannot say where the meters are or where the money went.

You can google "decibel level examples" and learn the decibel level of various sounds that you are familiar with. For example, normal conversation at three feet is 70 decibels. A rock concert is 125 decibels. The quietest sound you can hear is zero decibels. You can download a decibel meter app onto a smartphone for free, if you are curious to measure some sounds.

In all cases, the distance from the source is critical. The farther you move from a sound source, the lower the decibel reading. The current law did not adequately address the issue of distance. We can correct that.

The important thing is that we decide on a shared standard for when, where, and how much noise we can make publicly. Obviously, you may make any amount of noise you wish if you don't let it escape your property.

There are some people who wish to party until dawn every night, and others who wish to have peace and quiet after 9 p.m. Some would like quiet for most of the year, but at Carnival time they want to enjoy the bands pumping out the music. No one is "right" or "wrong" on this subject. It is a matter of discussing it and arriving at a shared standard.

We can do that at the Town Meeting. If noise concerns you, we'll see you there!

Last week I attended the Solar Power International 2011 Conference in Dallas, Texas. I returned with information that will help me prepare legislation entitled "An Act to Enhance WAPA and Establish the VI Smartgrid." In my next Report, I will share more on the important subject of reducing electric bills through upcoming legislation and things that you can do on your own.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Senator at large!

## WAPA To Announce Short List of Qualified Solar Bidders

St. John Tradewinds

Due to the large number of high-quality bids, the V.I. Water and Power Authority has postponed the short list announcement date of qualified bidders who responded to the request for proposal from Independent Power Producers for Solar Photovoltaic Generation.

Originally, the short list was scheduled to be announced on October 25, but has been changed to November 18. All bidders have been notified, in writing, of the new date.

The additional time is needed to fully evaluate the 27 proposals WAPA received by the September 27 deadline. The evaluation committee, which is comprised of WAPA technical personnel, Energy Development in Island Nations representatives from the U.S. Department of Energy, as well as other technical and legal experts, is in the process of reviewing the submissions.

The evaluation criteria will include cost effective product pricing; experience; strength of plans

for development, construction, operation and maintenance of facilities utilizing commercially proven technology; and financial strength.

WAPA is seeking photovoltaic generation to assist in lowering the cost of power production in the territory and diversify its generation by adding renewables to the grid. The utility will sign a 20-year power purchase agreement for the procurement of solar energy from one or more selected respondents, with an option to renew for another five years.

The selected respondents will be responsible for constructing, operating, and maintaining all facets of the project. WAPA is seeking a maximum of 10 megawatts of electrical capacity, allocating approximately 5 MW to each of its two generation facilities serving the St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix districts. A guaranteed commercial operation date has been set for December 2013.

WAPA will update the public as the selection process continues, said WAPA Executive Director Hugo Hodge.

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## GHS Inducts Members Into National Honor Society



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Giffit Hill School inducted four new members of the St. John chapter of the National Honor Society. Coral Breuning, Nicole Morrisette, Mariah Scheer and Maggie Wessinger joined Patrick Smith and Careem Albert as members of this prestigious group at a ceremony hosted on September 19, 2011. The NHS members are joined by GHS High School history teacher and NHS coordinator Mary Willen.

## Commander's Bugle Call American Legion Viggo E. Sewer Post #131



Welcome Team River Runner



By Jerry Runyon

*Special to St. John Tradewinds*

Wounded Warriors from Team River Runner will again be on St. John from Saturday, October 29, to Sunday, November 6.

About 30 veterans, including family members and staff will be staying at Cinnamon Bay Campground for rehabilitation, continuing their therapy and kayaking.

AARP and Friends of Crab-bys Water Sports, will be joining Post 131 and its Auxiliary to host a cookout for Team River Runner on Saturday, November 5. For details, contact American Legions Post 131 Acting Commander Doug Benton at [CRABBYSWATERSPORTS@earthlink.net](mailto:CRABBYSWATERSPORTS@earthlink.net) or call 714-2415.

All veterans, community fundraisers, supporters of Post 131 and residents are welcomed and encouraged to come out and meet the soldiers and their families of Team River Runner.

The cookout will be at Cinnamon Bay Campground starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, at the camp sites along the beach to the left of the bath facilities.

Team River Runner is one of various groups of Wounded Warriors which visit the island of St. John to continue their path to recovery. St. John has offered the warmth of its community as well as its climate and surroundings to make their visit a memorable and rewarding part of their recovery.

We can be proud of these men

and women and their families who have sacrificed so much to keep our freedom and protect our way of life.

Post 131 gives a special thanks to those in the community that have, and continue to support all of our veterans — together, we are one.

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Come out and celebrate Veterans Day on Friday, November 11, with us in Coral Bay. Look for more details and more coverage of the Team River Runner Visit in the next issue of *St. John Tradewinds*.

God Bless America, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the men and women of our Armed Forces.



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**JESS Celebrates Red Ribbon Week**

Julius E. Sprauve School students, teachers and faculty took to the streets of Cruz Bay on Thursday morning, October 27, to pledge their commitment to not using drugs as a part of Red Ribbon week festivities in the territory. Students made placards about staying off drugs and even Dora the Explorer joined the short parade through Cruz Bay.



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2nd Degree Burglaries: 22

3rd Degree Burglaries: 70

Grand Larcenies: 67

Rapes: 0

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Homicides: 0

Shootings: 0

Stabbings: 0

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3rd Degree Burglaries: 31

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## Letters To St. John Tradewinds

### Remember Our Real National Debt on Veterans Day

Google the term “National Debt” and you will quickly receive the search results for millions of web-sites.

Most deal with the very serious issues of government overspending and the accumulation of more than two centuries of federal deficits. Yet very few bring up the biggest national debt of them all — that which America owes to her veterans. November 11, Veterans Day, marks the perfect opportunity for us to take an historical audit on just how much this nation owes her heroes.

Marine Sgt. Dakota Meyer is one who America owes an enormous debt. Humble by nature, but heroic by deed, Meyer drove a humvee into an Afghan valley that he knew was heavily populated with well-armed enemy insurgents. Outgunned and outnumbered, Meyer and Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez-Chavez made multiple trips to the hot zone, killing insurgents as Meyer manned the turret.

Disregarding serious shrapnel wounds that he received, Meyer left his vehicle several times searching for pinned down comrades and coalition forces.

He found his comrades shot to death, but with the assistance of Army Capt. Will Swenson, Meyer carried their bodies and gear away from the village.

As he received his well-deserved Medal of Honor from President Obama, Meyer requested that his fallen colleagues be remembered.

Our debt to these heroes can never be re-paid but our gratitude and respect must last forever.

For many veterans, our nation was important enough to endure long separations from their families, miss the births of their children, freeze in sub-zero temperatures, bake in wild jungles, lose limbs, and, far too often, lose their lives.

Military spouses have had to endure career interruptions, frequent changes of address, and a disproportionate share of parental responsibilities.

The children often had to endure changes in schools, separation from friends and, hardest of all, the uncertainty of whether or not Mom or Dad will live through their next combat mission.

As the leader of our nation’s largest veterans service organization, The American Legion, I recently had the opportunity to testify before a joint Congressional committee on Veterans Affairs. I reminded our lawmakers that it is not in the nature of Ameri-

ca’s warriors to complain. Warriors endure. Warriors make do with less. Warriors finish the job, no matter how hard, no matter what is asked.

Warriors need advocates and that is why The American Legion exists. We are here to serve veterans, their families and our communities. Veterans need each other, but, more importantly, our country needs our veterans.

You cannot fight a war without warriors and while the utopian idea of a society without war is appealing, let us not forget that wars have liberated slaves, stopped genocide and toppled terrorists.

The American Legion shows its support for America’s heroes through its Family Support Network, Legacy Scholarship Fund, Operation Comfort Warriors, Temporary Financial Assistance and the National Emergency Fund, just to name a few of our programs.

But you can show your support simply by saying “Thank you” to the next veteran you meet.

You can show your support by hiring a veteran in your workplace, visiting a VA hospital or donating to a veterans program.

Companies should understand that it’s smart business to hire veterans, and when members of the Guard and Reserves deploy, it is America’s business to ensure that their civilian careers do not suffer.

Homelessness is another issue that affects veterans disproportionately. Too often today’s tattered citizen of the street was yesterday’s toast-of-the-town in a crisp uniform with rows of shining medals. This is hardly the “thanks of a grateful nation.”

We can do better. We must do better.

Fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title “veteran.” And while the great military phrase “uncommon valor was a common virtue,” has been so often repeated that it risks becoming a cliché, it is no less true.

In 1789 George Washington said, “The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country.”

We must ask ourselves as a nation, are we serving veterans even half as well as they have served us?

**Fang A. Wong**

**The American Legion National Commander**

### 8 Tuff Miles Adds Link To Website for Wounded Warriors

I wanted to thank Peter Alter as director of 8 Tuff Miles for allowing a hyperlink for The Wounded Warrior Project to be put on his website. This is tremendously unselfish.

All proceeds go to disabled combat veterans to whom we owe our lives. You can go to [www.8tuffmiles.com](http://www.8tuffmiles.com) right now

and donate directly to the organization with a credit card.

I also want to thank Cid Hamling of Connections for supporting every fundraiser I ever had: this included all services free of charge such as copies, paper, laser-jet ink, the cost of her staff’s help and computer time.

The St. John community should

know that Cid has a heart the size of Texas and this is reflected in her philanthropic behavior. Many people have an intention to solve the world’s suffering, but Cidney Hamling puts it into action. Can you say this about yourself?

Thank you so much Peter, Cid and the wounded warriors.

**Ted Kelliher**

## Letters To St. John Tradewinds



### Occupy St. John

The occupy movement on St. John is not a political group and is aligned with no protest organization anywhere in the world.

In reality, we are occupants of St. John (St. Thomas, St. Croix and Virgin Islands shirts available, too) who through the use of humor and political satire want to stimulate the economy, create jobs, promote the Virgin Islands as a place to live and have a few laughs at the same time.

But, if it were a political movement (like a bunch of flocking teabaggers, for instance) our platform would be: Power to the People; Money is Power; T-shirts \$18; What part don't you understand?

Our demands: cold beverages; 83 degrees and sunny; Stir it up! (No corporate CEOs were harmed in the making of these shirts).

**Jeff Smith**

### Do You Have Lyme Disease?

In 1972 I remember pulling a deer tick off my hip and there being a raised, red rash left behind. I showed it to my parents and they thought nothing of it.

After 40 years of muscle ache, chronic fatigue and cyclical, paralyzing depression, I have been diagnosed with Lyme Disease. Obviously it is in stage II and the anti-body will remain high in my body for the rest of my life.

However, there is much that can be done to treat the disease and minimize its symptoms. Information on how to handle the disease can be found in a publication called "My Lyme Guide" by Margorie Veiga of northern Virginia. Her website is [www.mylymeguide.com](http://www.mylymeguide.com).

There is not a tremendous amount of information on the actual disease itself in "My Lyme Guide" because there is so much information on the disease already published; however, the reference manual is more on how to cope with and treat the affliction.

Veiga gives advice on maintaining healthy physiology through lifestyle, therapies and food restrictions, one of which is a gluten-free diet. The guide includes "does and don'ts," recommended vitamin supplement programs, western and eastern treatments, anti-biotic regimens and diagnostic procedures. There is also a chapter on how to make most of your health insurance when treating Lyme Disease.

The biggest impact this guide has is that the author comes at it from a spiritual approach. She is constantly incorporating medicine, science and God. The greatest contemporary psychiatrist, M. Scott Peck, says that you cannot separate science and God for God heals through science. This is a fact whether you agree with it or not.

Most of all, The Lyme Guide suggests a behavioral and emotional curriculum, a way of life to live in community.

If you have the basic symptoms: chronic fatigue, cyclical depression, muscle ache, arthritis and emotional problems such as fear, anxiety and anger — eliminate the physiological possibilities first. Get tested for Lyme and see if you have it. Please visit website [www.mylymeguide.com](http://www.mylymeguide.com) for more info.

**Name Withheld Upon Request**

### Project Homeless Connect Organizers Thank Supporters and Volunteers

Love City hosted its first-ever Project Homeless Connect Day of Caring sponsored by Innovative and hosted by the United Way and the Department of Human Services on Friday Oct. 21.

Our thanks to the United Way's Executive Director, Cherise Creque; Day of Caring planning chair Kim Moholland and Jennifer Matarangas-King for the wonderful leadership to St. John in making this such a success from planning meetings to sensitivity training.

Many community members, organizations, restaurants and businesses came together as one united community with compassion, dignity and respect. At the center of the many offered services, from showers, haircuts and massages, was the need to nurture and feed everyone.

October is an economically challenging month, yet the following businesses jumped aboard to make this day happen and contribute in some way to our "Pot Luck Community Feed".

A deep heartfelt Love City Thank You is in order to so many: Aqua Bistro, The Beach Bar, Baked in The Sun, Ben and Jerry's in Paradise, Castaways, Coral Bay Cones and Tings, Dolphin Market, East-West Catering, KatiLady, Keep Me Posted, Lily's Gourmet, Mathayom, Morgan's Mango, Our Market, Quiet Mon Pub, Starfish Market, Ted's Supper Club, The Tourist Trap, The Fish Trap, Skinny Legs, The Lime Inn, Love City Minimart, W&W Fast Foods and High-Tide Restaurant and of course, Alan Johnson from St. John Ice Company who generously supplied all of our ice and water needs for the day!

Recognition and thanks must go to Peter Iwuc, Luigi Costello and George Hollander who were important in early morning set-ups and indispensable Food and Drink Team runners.

Sharon Lees, your extensive food service skills was an absolute asset to our event and Ingrid Iwuc Thanks for your creativity and positive attitude!



#### A hand-made Thank You sign for donors.

Andy and Joy Stillman, Thank You for donating the gorgeous orchids for our "Peace and Love Café" which added such joy and beauty to our tables; Mary Blazine for her inspiring individual Quotes that nourished our thoughts; Donna Smith owner of Kilroy's Dry Cleaning for collecting clothes and donating her time and business for all of our many dry cleaning needs; Viva Vacations donating small hygiene products and staff for set-ups; Gallow's Point, Maho Bay and The Westin for their much needed toiletries; the many new and gently used clothes and shoes donated by so many citizens; Private Homes for Private Vacations for their donations of towels and soaps; the many ladies with health cards from a number of our community churches who just showed up to help us serve our beautiful food — you were a God-send and a wonderful addition to our Food Team!

Thank You Eddie Bruce, Jazzy Blue and Thia Muilenberg for your wonderful music. Sara Tranberg who was willing to spend a very full day on our most popular service, haircuts, we needed you and

you delivered! Thank You Sara.

Thank You Suki Buchalter for heading our massage team and Gerry Londergan for your involvement as both of your healing hands added so much to those in need. Dr. Bern Putnam, your generous donation of time was so appreciated as well.

Administrator Leona Smith, thank you for your important role in not only planning with our PHC group but in solving our organization needs through the Governor's Office.

Our deepest thanks to Pastor Sampson for the use the Nazareth Lutheran Church for not only our first ever Event venue but the many planning meeting that were held prior.

We cannot forget the Veterans and their Services, COAST, AA, NA, the counselors, Nurses, Medics, St. John Rescue volunteers and many, many others who came simply because they cared!

There are so many of you who just showed up...you played an important role in this special day's success. You all continue to infuse goodwill and deep meaning to a loving community who truly cares about all of her citizens and in finding ways to better lives.

Bravo to everyone of you...I offer my apologies if I have missed any names or even one of you... as there were so many smiling enthusiastic faces who I quite simply was not able to put a name to, but who came for only one reason — selfless service to others.

This awesome event reminded all of us that we are "our brother's keeper" and that by extending to those in need, we can all learn and grow to become better human beings. Isn't this the core of our St. John "Love City" community? Yes.

**Sincerely,  
Bonny Corbeil, CBCC and  
CS Board Member Volunteer  
and Food and Drink Lead; the  
St. John Community Foundation  
and Board; and Bev  
Biziejewski and many of her  
AARP members**

## Rollers: Expanded Commerical Space

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tree-house type of campground on several undeveloped wooded acres of his property.

“The reasoning is we know that Maho Bay Campground will not be sold to someone for \$32 million and then see it maintained as a campground,” said Roller. “What you would have to charge for each tent site in order to make that economically viable — it won’t happen. It will either be a private enclave or a luxury hotel project catering to millionaires, but it will not be a campground.”

“That is a niche we’d like to take over,” said Roller.

For now, Roller is holding off on the campground plans since he might not need a zoning change for that endeavor. Campgrounds are allowed in Agriculture-1 zones — which require a minimum lot size of 40 acres — but for some reason are currently not allowed in A-2 zones, which require a minimum lot size of two acres.

Department of Planning and Natural Resources officials are currently overseeing a revamping of the Virgin Islands Zoning Code, which will hopefully remedy that inconsistency.

While the Coral Bay Organic Garden campground might be on hold for now, the design and possibilities of the facility Roller envisions are tantalizing. Roller’s plans call for building only a few sites at first along an elevated central column, giving campers expansive views while not impacting the environment at all.

The campground would be located on the back acreage of Roller’s property in a wooded area currently in a Forestry Stewardship Program.

“The back acreage of the property is wooded and in a Forestry Stewardship Program,” said Roller. “That program allows you to design your own plan and ours was to enhance wildlife. We’ve maintained the ponds in the back and the meadows and it has worked successfully.”

Starting with only four or five camp sites, Roller’s design for the campground would have visitors sleeping above the forest canopy.

“It’s a very unique design,” said Roller. “We’re going to have about 11.4 acres devoted to the campsite in order for it to be spread out and not clustered. What will make the project truly unique is that all of the sites are going to be elevated.”

“One designer involved in this said it sounded like a mushroom,” Roller said. “There is going to be a central column which will serve as a cistern and be rounded and cast in concrete. The top will be expanding outward with a circular roof and platforms which will be at tree level to break through the canopy and the whole roof will be the solar power, covered with PV panels.”

The elevated campsites will be connected via elevated walkways, giving the whole area a rural Shangri-la feel. Roller’s campground will be last word in environmentally-friendly vacationing.

“It will be the most eco of eco-resorts,” said Roller. “Everyone talks about treading lightly, and in this regard, you won’t be treading at all. We’re hoping the campground will spur demand for the farm products and that farm stays are popular.”

“It’s all part of the overall philosophy of getting back to the land and having that rural experience,” he said.

For now, Roller is focusing on rezoning the 2.5-acre parcel from A-2 to B-3 in order to expand the commercial opportunities of his property. DPNR will host a public hearing on the rezoning request in the future and eventually the matter will be voted on by members of the Virgin Islands Legislature.

A meeting on Roller’s rezoning request is not expected for at least a month. In the meantime, residents who support the Roller’s plans can sign a petition backing the rezoning. Petitions can be found at Connections in both Cruz Bay and Coral Bay, Keep Me Posted at Cocoloba, Starfish Market and Post Net at The Marketplace and at the Coral Bay Garden Center on King Hill Road.



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A huge crowd packed the Winston Wells ball field for the ACC fundraiser.

## No Fleas, Please Flea Market Nets Almost \$8,000 ACC

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and a vegetarian version of the sandwich she called Sloppy Licks.

Nest owner Missie Hensel also helped the group reach their fundraising goal, explained Corley.

“We had a lot of clothes and didn’t really know how to put them all out there in the field,” Corley said. “Missie and her team came in and organized all the clothes which made a big difference and really increased our sales.”

ACC volunteers also brought a few of the shelter puppies to the event and one lucky dog didn’t return to the group’s Estate Enighed kennel.

“We fostered a dog name Chachi which was very exciting and hopefully he’ll be adopted out,” said Corley.

In addition to raising much needed operating funds for the ACC, the day was also an important outreach effort, Corley added.

“It was really cool, every time I went by the adoption table, the girls were talking about how to take care of your pet and how to walk them and feed them,” he said. “The girls were handing out pamphlets about animal abuse and neglect and it was just a really great educational opportunity for the community.”

While raising funds to ensure the island’s neglected and abused animals are take care of, the best part of the ACC’s flea market for Corley was seeing the community come together.

“The best part of the whole day was just seeing the community coming out and having the opportunity to educate the public on how to take care of



St. John Tradewinds News Photo by Yelena Rogers

Great bargains on everything from stem ware to plants were available at the market.

their pets,” he said.

Next up for the group is the annual Christmas for Animals, which is tentatively set for January 21. The ACC is still looking for a venue for the annual gala fundraiser, but is considering a theme of Winter Wonderland.

For more information about the ACC or to make a donation check out the group’s website at [www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com](http://www.stjohnanimalcarecenter.com) or call 774-1625.



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# CFVI Awards \$25,000 in Kimelman Grants To Help Childcare Centers Meet New Regs

*St. John Tradewinds*

The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands announced last week the award of \$22,178 in Kimelman Grants to 14 of the territory's non-government supported licensed childcare centers.

Eight grants were awarded on St. Croix, four on St. Thomas and two on St. John. The grants ranged from \$700 to \$2,500. An additional grant of \$2,800 will be given to the American Red Cross to provide pediatric CPR and First Aid training for approximately 35 childcare providers.

The Kimelman Grants for Quality in Early Childhood Education were created by the Kimelman family in January 2009 in celebration of the 88th birthday of CFVI's founding donor, Ambassador Henry Kimelman.

The primary purpose of this year's Kimelman grants is to assist childcare centers with efforts to meet the new rules and regulations recently issued by the Department of Human Services.

The grant to the American Red Cross will provide training required by these new rules and regulations. Trainings will take place at the Red Cross centers on St. Croix (next to Caribe Home Center) and St. Thomas (Nisky Shopping Center) on November 12th starting at 8:30 a.m.

Some of the Kimelman grants included awards to schools to pay for staff members to get their CDA (Child Development Associate) training certificates, also a requirement under the new rules and regulations. Grants were also given to help schools and centers purchase educational materials such as curricula, developmentally appropriate manipulatives, musical instruments and outdoor play equipment.

An evaluation committee of early childhood professionals and parents conducted a rigorous review of proposals from the centers. Site visits and interviews with center directors were conducted with many of the applicants. In making decisions, the committee looked for proposals that would help centers comply with the broad range of new guidelines, while evaluating fiscal responsibility to ensure efficiency of funding.

"We are extremely pleased that so many of the applicants met the criteria for the Kimelman Grants," said CFVI's president Dee Baecher-Brown. "Assisting the professionals at these centers is another way for the Foundation to continue improving the quality of early child care in the U.S. Virgin Islands."

Kimelman Grants for Quality in Early Childhood Education are an initiative of The Family Connection, which is the Community Foundation's program to enhance the early childhood environment in the USVI.

The Family Connection has an ambitious agenda that includes strategies to strengthen child care and early education in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Some of TFC's initiatives include professional training, teacher and parent education, child care center accreditation and advocacy to improve public policies that affect the quality of child care. TFC is working to improve school readiness through family involvement in an effort to increase early literacy.

Charlotte Kimelman and Ambassador Henry Kimelman founded CFVI in December 1990 with a gift of \$540,000, and provided additional donations of nearly \$2 million throughout the years. When the Ambassador passed away in 2009, the Kimelman family provided a gift of more than \$1 million to establish the Kimelman Family Fund at CFVI.

CFVI now has more than 110 named funds that provide scholarships, grants and supporting programs in the USVI. Assets of the Foundation are in excess of \$7 million. CFVI also produces the annual KIDS COUNT report on the status of children and families in the USVI.

Individuals or businesses wishing to know more about CFVI should call 774-6031, or visit the CFVI website at [www.cfvi.net](http://www.cfvi.net).

## Police Log

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT: 340-693-8880**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT: 340-776-6333**

### Friday, October 21

5:02 p.m. - An Estate Enighed resident p/r that a construction company is disturbing him. Disturbance of the peace.

### Saturday, October 22

8:15 a.m. - An Estate Grunwald resident c/r a disturbance. Disturbance of the peace.

9:05 a.m. - Badge #1048 p/ at Leander Jurgen Command with Jeffrey James of Estate Grunwald under arrest and charged with violating a restraining order, disturbance of the peace and delaying and obstructing an officer in the discharge of duties.

2:44 p.m. - A citizen c/re-

questing police assistance in removing a female from his company's rental car. Police assistance.

### Monday, October 24

4:56 p.m. - An Estate Contant resident p/r an auto accident in Cruz Bay. Auto accident.

### Tuesday, October 25

No time given - An Estate Adrian resident p/r being harassed. Harassment.

### Thursday, October 27

9:10 a.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r an auto accident. Auto accident.

10:22 p.m. - A citizen p/r damage to a vehicle. Damage to

a vehicle.

11:20 a.m. - A citizen p/r lost documents. Lost documents.

1:10 p.m. - A Gallows Point Resort employee c/requesting police assistance. Police assistance.

7:19 p.m. - An Estate Chocolate Hole resident p/r that he was accused of touching an employee and was wrongfully terminated from his job. Unlawful termination.

### Friday, October 28

7:00 a.m. - An employee of the Westin Resort and Villas c/requesting police assistance at the hotel. Police assistance.

## CRIME STOPPERS U.S.V.I.

### Organization Seeks Information on Crimes

*St. John Tradewinds*

Crime Stoppers needs the community's help to solve the following crimes. If anyone knows something, they should say something, as law enforcement cannot control crime without help.

#### St. John

Sometime between Thursday, October 20, at 11 p.m., and 7 a.m. the next morning, a burglar entered a residence at 17B-REM Estate Enighed by climbing the patio roof of the western stairwell and entering through the unlocked western glass door. Once inside, the burglar took a total of \$1,250 from a backpack, a wallet and a purse. Anyone with any information on suspicious individuals in the Enighed area, should notify law enforcement through Crime Stoppers.

Police are reminding all residents and visitors to properly secure their doors and windows and not make themselves easy targets of opportunity. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect is \$714 plus 10 percent of the value of any property recovered.

#### St. Thomas

On Tuesday, October 18, a 20-year-old woman, K'nesia Brathwaite, and a 24-year-old man, Ko-

morr Donastorg, were shot multiple times and killed in a residential driveway in Anna's Retreat. Police are asking that you report any information about these senseless murders to Crime Stoppers so the killer(s) can be put behind bars. The minimum cash reward for the arrest of a murder suspect is \$1,500.

#### St. Croix

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you or somebody you know has been physically or sexually assaulted by a family member or friend and you have been told not to report the violence, or you are afraid to come forward, you can report the abuser anonymously. Please let law enforcement help you by calling Crime Stoppers. The call could save a life.

Please continue to help make the community a safer place to live by submitting information on these or any other crimes at [www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersUSVI.org) or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Tips are completely anonymous, and the state-side operators speak several languages. If a tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property, illegal drugs, or weapons, the tipster will receive a cash reward of up to \$2,500.

**Ferry Schedules - Cruz Bay and Charlotte Amalie**

**CRUZ BAY TO RED HOOK**

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**RED HOOK TO CRUZ BAY**

Every hour on the hour from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.

**CRUZ BAY TO DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE AMALIE**

Leaves Cruz Bay	Leaves Charlotte Amalie
8:45 a.m.	10 a.m.
11:15 a.m.	1 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.



Delegate To Congress Donna Christensen stands by as Nancy Pelosi addresses the crowd on St. Thomas

*St. John Tradewinds News Photo*

**Nancy Pelosi Talks To V.I. Small Business Owners**

*St. John Tradewinds*

Congresswoman Donna Christensen welcomed House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to St. Thomas on Saturday, October 22, as part of the House Democratic Outreach to Small Businesses and Veterans.

Leader Pelosi addressed a gathering of more than 100 small business people, veterans and community leaders at Windward Passage Hotel in Charlotte Amalie, expressing her support for Christensen and the work she has done in the Congress.

Leader Pelosi spoke of re-igniting the American Dream by honoring returning veterans through hiring in government and providing resources for them to start small businesses. She expressed her support for products and services that were "Made in America" and for better access to capital, and a trained work force.

She told the gathering that she and her Caucus were committed to a deficit reduction plan that was "big, bold and balanced," and also expressed support for President Obama's American Jobs Act.

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776-6316, 776-6254

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Sunday evening 6 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.

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## Tuesday, November 1

Giff Hill School is hosting a Culturalypso, a carnival for the St. John community on Tuesday, November 1, at the GHS Upper Campus. This is a free event in celebration of D. Hamilton Jackson Day! The entire community is invited to enjoy games, experiments, face painting, story telling, races, a bouncy house and food for purchase. All ages are welcome!

## Thursday, November 3

Senator at Large Craig Barshinger will host a noise ordinance town meeting on Thursday night, November 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the new St. John Legislature building.

## November 4-6

The St. John Racquet Club will sponsor a VI Tennis Association Junior Tennis Tournament at the Cruz Bay tennis courts November 4 to 6.

## Saturday, November 5

— Woody's Seafood Saloon is hosting the second annual "Save Second Base" Block Party on Saturday, November 5, from 7 to 11 p.m. All proceeds raised at the event will go to the second Annual St John American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

## Sunday, November 6

The St. Thomas/St. John Pathfinders will be participating in its 5th annual Kayak-A-Thon on Sunday, November 6.

## Tuesday, November 8

— Celia Kalousek of the St. John Community Foundation is spearheading a candle light vigil and community search request for Seara Samantha James on Tuesday, November 8, at 6 p.m. at the Frank Powell Park in Cruz Bay.

## November 8 and 9

— V.I. Waste Management Authority is hosting two E-waste drives on St. John in November. Bring those old computers, electronics, laptops and more to the Winston Wells ball field on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Thursday, November 10

— Giff Hill School is offering a day of service to non-profit organizations and people in need on Thursday, November 10.

## November 25 and 26

The Coral Bay Yacht Club on the eastern end of St. John will host the 30th Annual Coral Bay Thanksgiving Regatta November 25 and 26.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets as scheduled: Sundays, 9:45 a.m. at Hawksnest Bay Beach; Closed meetings for alcoholics only at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cruz Bay at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays; Open meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. at Nazareth Lutheran Church; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Moravian Church, Coral Bay.

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Narcotics Anonymous has open meetings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at St. Ursula's Church.

## AL-ANON MEETINGS

Al-Anon meets on St. John every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the picnic table at the VINP ball field.

# PREMIER Crossword

By Frank A. Longo

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## WORKING OUT THE BUGS

### ACROSS

- 1 Sir, in old India
- 6 Floored by
- 13 High fliers
- 20 "George & —" (former talk show)
- 21 It may collect around a scratching post
- 22 Builds into a wall
- 23 Bug's favorite kissing game?
- 25 Least active
- 26 One way or another
- 27 U.S. Navy off.
- 28 Sordid
- 30 Corporate shuffle, for short
- 32 Bug's favorite book-worm?
- 37 Citizen: Suffix
- 40 "There — sides to every story"
- 43 Soccer great Hamm
- 44 City near Lake 107-Down
- 45 Bug's favorite state of mind?
- 50 Cake-and-ice-cream occasions, for short
- 51 Soft felt hat
- 52 Hang around
- 53 Last check box, often
- 55 Nonclerical
- 56 Soviet premier Kosygin
- 57 Mem. of Congress
- 58 See 60-Down
- 59 Peeples of "Fame"
- 61 Affirmative gesture
- 62 "7 Faces of Dr. —"

- 64 Bug's favorite interrogation aid?
- 69 Improve by making small changes
- 72 Mini, Nano, and Shuffle
- 74 French euro division
- 75 Bug's favorite fall drink?
- 77 Rocky pinnacle
- 78 New Year in Vietnam
- 79 Dot in the Rhône
- 80 Beagle, e.g.
- 81 Kind of camera, briefly
- 83 Mogadishu native
- 86 Boar's mate
- 89 Talks to God
- 91 Chinese premier — Enlai
- 92 Clothing smoother
- 93 Actress Linda
- 95 Bug's favorite Eddie Rabbitt hit?
- 98 Shankar with a sitar
- 99 Not well
- 100 Rowing a boat
- 101 Equine beast
- 102 Bug's favorite naval officer?
- 105 Letter-shaped hardware items
- 109 Athens site
- 110 Atop, poetically
- 113 Capriciously
- 117 Cola holder
- 120 Bug's favorite Fats Waller song?
- 123 Actor Chad
- 124 Matrimonial
- 125 Really rotund
- 126 July 4 events
- 127 Compound in plastics
- 128 New Jersey county

### DOWN

- 1 Impudent talk
- 2 Fido's dishful
- 3 Actor Corey
- 4 Spiritual
- 5 Use the tub
- 6 Sore muscle application
- 7 Apprehend
- 8 Suit to —
- 9 "Since —?"
- 10 Erodes
- 11 Oman export
- 12 Not musty
- 13 Meal part
- 14 Golfer Mark
- 15 Flabbergast
- 16 Poet Kipling
- 17 Before, to a poet
- 18 Lo- — monitor
- 19 Retired jet
- 24 "Yoo- —"
- 29 Put a cap on
- 31 Concerto —
- 33 "— my word!" ("I do declare!")
- 34 Traffic (in)
- 35 Big name in New Age
- 36 Upbeat
- 37 Newborn girl, in Spain
- 38 Spinning skating leap
- 39 Finished
- 41 Punta del —
- 42 IRS worker
- 46 Courteney of "Friends"
- 47 Tram cargo
- 48 One sending cybernotes
- 49 Play awards
- 50 Conan O'—
- 54 Adds to the database
- 58 Outmoded
- 60 With 58-Across, first play division
- 63 iPhone program
- 64 Part of FYI
- 65 — -friendly
- 66 Largest moon of Uranus
- 67 Alternatives to waffles
- 68 Turns in
- 70 Cato's 151
- 71 Gives aid
- 72 "— solemnly swear ..."
- 73 Tent stake
- 76 Pastoral
- 77 Hooky player
- 81 — -Pei
- 82 "Lush Life" co-star Petty
- 84 Suffix with contradict
- 85 TLC giver
- 86 Feudal slave
- 87 Egg's shape
- 88 Undulate
- 90 Sicknesses
- 91 Fanatical devotion
- 94 Torrent
- 96 Big inits. in overseas broadcasting
- 97 Of low birth
- 99 Imagine
- 103 Rainbowlike
- 104 Paper quantities
- 106 "A," in Paris
- 107 Nevada border lake
- 108 Hefty slices
- 111 Arab chief
- 112 Matrimony, for one
- 114 They intersect rds.
- 115 Go skyward
- 116 Tinkertoy or Lego alternative
- 117 Mo. #9
- 118 Lab eggs
- 119 Köln article
- 121 — "King" Cole
- 122 — Luis Obispo



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**"Villa Tramonto"** - Is an elegant, contemporary styled villa located high atop the gated community known as Virgin Grand Estates. Built in 2010, the stately, fully air conditioned four bedroom home offers sweeping water and sunset views from Great Cruz Bay to St. Thomas and beyond. Amenities include large pool and entertainment deck, underground utilities and paved access roads. Solid masonry construction and the finest finishing materials. **\$2.395M**



**"Carolina Cottage"** - Really cute two bedroom house with nice water views of Hurricane Hole and boats anchored in Coral Harbor. The house faces east to catch the cooling trade wind breezes. There is a paved driveway and parking area. Partial furnishings included. This is a nice location close to Coral Bay with large deck and room to expand or add a pool. On the lower level there is a laundry room and space to add another bedroom. A great price at just **\$575,000.**



**"Ridgetop"** - Is a two-story, two-bedroom private getaway vacation rental nestled in the hills overlooking Coral Bay. From its locale in Eden Place, a small private neighborhood, it is an easy drive to the island's beautiful beaches, hiking trails, restaurants and entertainment. A shared swimming pool with deck and gazebo is located adjacent to the house & is used by only four other homes. **\$499,900.**



**"Palm Terrace Villas"**- Some of the most spacious condos to be found on St. John. Completed in 2005 with beautiful views, generous balconies, common sun deck and pool area, walk to Cruz Bay shops and restaurants and snorkeling at Frank Bay Beach. The 3 bedroom unit is a penthouse with cathedral ceilings. All feature large kitchens, granite countertops, stainless appliances, large closets, private laundry area and ample storage. These condos have it all. These are very popular short term rental units. **\$975,000 to \$999,000.**



**"Mango Terrace Villas"**-Brand new and spacious condos on a Cruz Bay hillside overlooking the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. All units have spacious interiors, ample decks from which to enjoy the cool Easterly breezes and expansive water views. Amenities include private laundry, granite counter tops, stainless appliances and large shared deck & pool. Walk to Cruz Bay & Frank Bay beach. Financing available. All units have just been reduced by as much as \$300,000 and are below recent appraised value - looking for a quick sale. Unit #6, a two bedroom ground floor condo with over 1100 sq ft was just reduced to only **\$499,000** Call for information.

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# Governor DeJongh Addresses VI Realtors at Annual Meeting

## St. John Tradewinds

Governor John deJongh talked about the impact of national economic trends on the territory's housing market on Saturday, October 22, at the annual meeting of the Virgin Islands Association of Realtors.

The meeting took place onboard the Discovery vessel which cruised the St. John coastal waters as presentations were delivered. During his remarks, the governor urged the many real estate professionals present from across the territory to continue working to facilitate home ownership so more Virgin Islanders could realize the American Dream.

The governor commended the organization's work with the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority to assist first time home buyers in meeting down payments and securing mortgages.

"The Virgin Islands is an entrepreneurial community," deJongh said. "There is no larger group of entrepreneurs in the territory than real estate professionals."

The governor spoke about his administration's policies to secure future prosperity in the midst of a recession and shared his view of long term economic trends for the territory.

"While the U.S. Federal Reserve is pumping money into the American economy to spur activity, economic projections have been disappointing — far short of the growth needed to counter the past decade's unprecedented loss of income, equity and rising debt," said the governor. "Con-



St. John Tradewinds News Photo

DeJongh speaks to Virgin Islands Realtors during the group's annual meeting hosted aboard Discovery while it cruised off shore of St. John.

sumers are still not spending, corporations are not dispersing dividends, and revised growth projections are lower than previously expected. The next couple of years will continue to present challenges to us."

"We have to look at the resources that we have available and figure out how to best make a community function, including providing social services with limited funds and

spurring increased private sector activity," said deJongh.

The governor commended the territory's commercial banks, whose conservative lending practices helped them avoid the pitfalls of other financial institutions over the last decade. In 2006, aggregate sales of land, condos and homes began to drop in the Virgin Islands, but the housing market has now stabilized.

The governor also spoke about broader areas of focus for his administration, including efforts to improve health care, education, infrastructure, and address the high cost of energy.

During the meeting, Region 5 Vice President Cynthia Shelton installed the Real Estate Association's new officers and directors: President Kerstin McConnell; President-Elect Tanya van Blake-Coleman; Secretary Diana Beam; Treasurer April Newland; Immediate Past Pres. B.J. Harris; At Large Director Barbara Richards; At Large Director Gail Bourdon; and National Directors Christie O'Neil and Lorine Williams.

Also installed were the 2012 local boards: St. Croix President Caryn Hodge; St. Croix President-elect Honnie Edwards; St. John President Sara Lovegreen; St. John President-elect Lori Walden; St. Thomas President Dionne Nelthropp; and St. Thomas President-elect April Newland.

DeJongh congratulated BJ Harris, who was named 2012 Realtor of the Year, and commended her local, national and community work.





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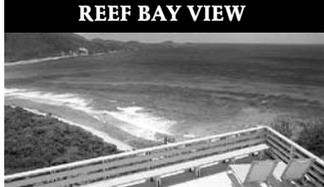
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## Territory's Budget Shortfall Will Impact VIPD, VIFS, Dept. of Health and More

### *St. John Tradewinds*

Committee on Finance, chaired by Senator Carlton Dowe, met with Governor John deJongh's financial team on October 24, the to receive an update of the financial status of the government based on Fiscal Year 2012 projections.

The executive branch updated the FY 2012 projections which now reflect net general fund revenues available for appropriation at \$692.7 million, explained Director of the Office of Management and Budget Debra Gottlieb.

When compared to the FY 2012 general fund appropriation level of \$720 million, the revenue projections now show a budgetary shortfall of \$27.1 million.

"We are also concerned that some departments and agencies FY 2012 appropriation levels are insufficient to sustain the current level of mandated services to the territory's residents and visitors," said Gottlieb.

Some of the agencies which will be impacted by the budget shortfall of \$27.1 million are the Department of Justice, Bureau of Corrections, V.I. Fire Service, Juan F. Luis Hospital, V.I. Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Health, Roy L. Schneider Hospital, Department of Human Services and the V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency, according to the financial team's report.

In June 2011, the executive branch presented the Legislature of the Virgin Islands with a FY 2012 balanced budget of \$731.3 million. The legislature, however, appropriated a net FY 2012 general fund budget of \$720 million.

The projected FY 2012 budget submitted in June by the executive branch was inaccurate because the legislature's Post Auditor's report showed projections of \$734 million for FY 2012, according to Senator Dowe.

"The legislature approved a FY 2012 general fund appropriation of \$720 million, approximately \$9 million less than the executive budget of \$734 million, after careful review of the FY 2012 projects and other pertinent information submitted by the executive branch," said Dowe.

The \$731.3 million for FY 2012 submitted in June 2011 was different because updated informa-

tion was given based on technical amendments in the amount of \$1 million and other adjustments were needed to reflect the submission of \$731.3 million for FY 2012, an

increase of approximately \$9 million, according to Gottlieb, who was not optimistic about the government's fiscal future improving.

"I don't believe within six

months the government revenue collections will improve or even after the eight percent salary reduction has ceased in June 2013," said Gottlieb.

The government is also still working toward paying \$30 million in due income tax refunds, explained BIR director Claudette Watson-Anderson.



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